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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing kiosk service offerings comprising:

retrofitting an existing, publicly-located, and fixed positioned kiosk with a wireless transceiver, wherein said kiosk previously lacked wireless communication capabilities, yet wherein said kiosk was previously configured to communicate over an existing physical communications link medium;

configuring said kiosk to provide with a new purpose of providing electronic services over short-range radio communications links to wireless devices in a personal area network (PAN), said kiosk also configured to communicate over an existing physical communications link medium;

establishing a short-range radio communications link with a wireless device in said PAN;

retrieving selected electronic services over said existing physical communications link medium; and,

delivering said retrieved selected electronic services to said wireless device in said PAN over said short-range radio communications link.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of establishing a short-range radio communications link with said wireless device in said PAN comprises:

establishing a BLUETOOTH-based communications link with said wireless device.

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3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said kiosk was a single purpose kiosk before said retrofitting step, and wherein the kiosk has at least two purposes after the retrofitting step, one of the two purposes being said new purpose and another of the two purposes being an original purpose of the kiosk. ~~retrofitting an existing kiosk both with a short-range radio frequency communications system, and with a host computing device for selectively retrieving electronic services over said existing physical communications link medium, and for delivering selected electronic services to said wireless devices in said PAN.~~

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said existing physical communications link medium is selected from the group consisting of a telephone network communications link and a data communications link.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of retrieving specified electronic services over said existing communications network comprises retrieving electronic messages from an electronic mail server communicatively linked to said kiosk over said existing physical communications link medium.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of retrieving specified electronic services over said existing physical communications link medium comprises retrieving an application from an application service provider (ASP) communicatively linked to said kiosk over said existing physical communications link medium.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein said ~~delivering step of delivering said retrieved specified electronic services to said wireless device in said PAN over said short-range radio communications link~~ further comprises:

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said kiosk identifying a messaging format of an electronic mail client in said wireless device;

said kiosk formatting said retrieved electronic mail in accordance with the identified messaging format; and

said kiosk delivering said ~~retrieved~~formatted electronic mail to ~~[[an]]~~ the electronic mail client in said wireless device.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein said retrieved application is retained within and remains executable by the wireless device even after said wireless device is disconnected from said PAN. ~~wherein said step of delivering said retrieved specified electronic services to said wireless device in said PAN over said short-range radio communications link comprises delivering said retrieved application for execution in said wireless device.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 8, further comprising:

presenting within the wireless device a plurality of applications;

said kiosk receiving a user-selection of one of the presented applications;

determining if said user-selected applications specified electronic services wholly reside in said kiosk; and,

if it is determined that said specified electronic services user-selected applications wholly reside in said kiosk, delivering said specified electronic services user-selected applications to said wireless device in said PAN without retrieving said specified electronic services user-selected applications over said existing physical communications link medium.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

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determining if components of said user-selected applications ~~specified electronic services~~ reside in said kiosk; and,

delivering said components determined to reside in said kiosk to said wireless device while retrieving components not residing in said kiosk over said existing physical communications link medium.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of delivering said retrieved specified electronic services to said wireless device in said PAN over said short-range radio communications link comprises delivering retrieved components of said specified electronic services to said wireless device while retrieving remaining components of said specified electronic services.

12. (Currently Amended) A kiosk for distributing electronic services to wireless devices in a PAN comprising:

[[an]] a retrofitted, publicly located, and fixed positioned kiosk including a wireless transceiver configured to communicate with a communications network over an existing physical communications link medium, wherein before being retrofitted, said kiosk was previously configured to communicate over the existing physical communication link medium, and wherein before being retrofitted, said kiosk lacked wireless communication capabilities;

a network communications client for communicating with servers in said communications network;

a short-range radio communications system for communicating with wireless devices in the PAN; and,

a list of electronic services which can be distributed to wireless devices in the PAN, said electronics services in said list residing locally in said kiosk and remotely in said servers in said communications network, wherein the kiosk lacks direct input/output

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capabilities to present the electronic services of the list to a user such that the electronic services are presented upon and user-selected within the wireless devices.

13. (Original) The kiosk of claim 12, wherein said short-range radio communications system comprises:

a short-range radio communications system configured in accordance with BLUETOOTH specifications.

14. (Currently Amended) The kiosk of claim 12, wherein said kiosk is ~~selected from the group consisting of a public telephone, a gasoline station island, an airline check in desk, a ticketing booth, a retail check-out counter, a toll booth, and an automatic teller machine.~~

15. (Original) The kiosk of claim 12, wherein said physical communications link medium is selected from the group consisting of a telephone network communications link and a data communications link.

16. (Original) The kiosk of claim 12, wherein said server is an application server.

17. (Original) The kiosk of claim 12, wherein said communications network is an Internet.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering electronic services in a personal area network (PAN) comprising:

retrofitting an existing, publicly-located, and fixed positioned kiosk with a wireless transceiver, wherein said kiosk previously lacked wireless communication

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capabilities, yet wherein said kiosk was previously configured to communicate over an existing physical communications link medium,

~~providing a kiosk in a publicly traversable area, said kiosk configured~~

configuring said kiosk to deliver electronic services over short-range radio communications links to wireless devices in a personal area network (PAN), said existing kiosk also configured to communicate over [[an]] said existing physical communications link medium to access Internet data;

establishing a PAN in [[said]] a publicly traversable area;

selectably retrieving electronic services through said existing physical communications link medium into said kiosk; and,

delivering said retrieved selected electronic services to wireless devices in said PAN over said short-range radio communications link.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein said step of establishing a PAN in said publicly traversable area comprises:

establishing a BLUETOOTH-based PAN with wireless devices in said publicly traversable area.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein said step of [[providing a]] retrofitting the kiosk comprises retrofitting said kiosk so that the kiosk retains its original purpose while also performing said new purpose, retrofitting an existing kiosk both with a short range radio frequency communications system, and with a host computing device for selectively retrieving electronic services over said existing physical communications link medium, and for delivering selected electronic services to said wireless devices in said PAN; and,

and wherein the step of configuring said kiosk comprises activating said retrofitted kiosk in said publicly traversable area.

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21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the kiosk functions as a wireless access point for accessing an Internet.

22. (Previously Presented) The kiosk of claim 12, wherein the kiosk functions as a wireless access point for accessing an Internet.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the kiosk functions as a wireless access point for accessing an Internet.

24. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said kiosk fails to provide user-accessible input/output peripheral devices which are usable by a user of the wireless device for purposes related to the electronic services, wherein said wireless transceiver is not considered an input/ output peripheral device.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the wireless device includes input/output components configured as a user-interface for purposes related to the electronic services.

26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the existing, single-purpose, publicly-located, and fixed positioned kiosk is selected from the group consisting of a payphone, a ticket counter, and a gasoline station island.

27. (New) The kiosk of claim 12, wherein said kiosk is a gas station island.

28. (New) The kiosk of claim 12, wherein said kiosk is a ticketing booth.

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29. (New) The kiosk of claim 12, wherein said kiosk is a toll booth.